

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

June 18, 2018

The Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Loudonville Fire Station. Mayor Stricklen called the meeting to order and answering roll call were Mr. Bill Welsh, Mrs. Traci Cooper, Mr. Tom Young, Mr. Michael Robinson, Mr. Jason Van Sickle and Mr. Tom Gallagher. Also in attendance at the meeting were Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Police Chief Kevin Taylor, Paramedic Chad Callahan, Fire Chief Mike Carey, Fireman Bob Stewart, Cabot Oil & Gas representative Brittany Ramos, and Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Stricklen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – June 4, 2018: Councilman Welsh moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilwoman Cooper. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Young, yes;

Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

Ms. Brittany Ramos, Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation: Ms. Ramos distributed a packet of information to the Mayor and Council regarding their current plans to explore for gas and oil below Columbia's gas storage fields in several areas in Ashland County, including Green Township. She noted that the first wells are currently in the process of being drilled and invited Council to ask questions they may have. At the conclusion of the Council meeting, Ms. Ramos asked to be placed on the July 2 Council meeting agenda so that she may return to address any concerns or questions that may arise as the project moves forward.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Shrock Premier Custom Construction Request to Lease Tower Space on City Building: Administrator Young presented Council with a request from Joseph Shrock to place a point-to-point repeater on the tower on the Village Office Building. He noted that Shrock Premier will make upgrades to the tower, including installing a ground wire and replacing the guy wires as well as to maintain the tower in the future. Administrator Young stated that there would be a written agreement drafted for Council consideration that will address the amount of the lease as well as the maintenance to the tower. Chief Taylor noted the placement of the repeater on the tower would not affect his equipment. Councilman Welsh moved to proceed with a draft agreement with Shrock for their use of the tower on the Village Office Building for Council consideration. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mrs. Cooper, yes;

Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

Reservoir Replacement Project: Administrator Young reported that the reservoir replacement project was progressing and anticipated its completion in a couple months.

Hugo & Mabel Young Foundation Grant – Loudonville Fire Department, Inc: Chief Carey reported that the Loudonville Fire Department, Inc. had received a grant from the Hugo & Mabel Young Foundation in the amount of \$9,141 for the purchase of training materials and equipment.

University Hospitals Event Medical Team: Chief Carey reported that University Hospitals sent their Event Medical Team to provide care during the Mohican 100 race the previous weekend, noting they treated over fifty runners. Chief Carey expressed appreciation to the team, noting they alleviated a potential high call volume for the Loudonville EMS during the event. He further commended University Hospitals for their continued commitment to partnering with the Loudonville EMS to provide outstanding service to the area, with Mayor Stricklen also expressing his appreciation of their support.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 34-2018

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 478 TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF
THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE**

SECOND READING of Ordinance 34-2018

Councilman Welsh commented that this proposed Chapter governs not only golf carts but also ATV's and UTV's. He asked Chief Taylor if he had any concerns with Chapter 478, with Chief Taylor responding that he did not think there would be any issues with the adoption of the regulations. Chief Taylor went on to say

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that the regulations require the vehicles to be road-worthy, plated and safety-checked, and further noted that he had not received any negative feedback or phone calls. Councilman Van Sickle stated he spoke with several business owners who were supportive of the regulations. Councilwoman Cooper noted that the Village was following the proper government procedure to allow and safely regulate them on the Village streets. Mayor Stricklen commented that he supported the adoption of the regulations to benefit both the older folks in the Village as well as the recreational visitors to the area.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Ordinance No. 34-2018 be declared an emergency measure and that the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, be suspended with respect to Ordinance No. 34-2018. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, no;
Mr. Robinson, no; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, no.

NOTE: After a vote was cast by the Mayor, the Village Council then proceeded with an adoption motion and subsequent vote. However, because there was a lack of affirmative votes to dispense with the rules by three-fourths of all council members per Ohio Revised Code Section 731.17(A)(4), Ordinance 34-2018 is considered as read on a second reading only and will be presented for its third and final reading on July 2, 2018.

ORDINANCE 35-2018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JOB CLASSIFICATION PLAN OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, OHIO, BY AMENDING CERTAIN JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND QUALIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS FOR POSITIONS WITHIN THE LOUDONVILLE THEATRE.

Councilwoman Cooper noted that the new Theatre Director Classification Specification will allow for the Village to move forward with a full-time employed theatre director rather than to contract with a consultant to oversee the theatre operations.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Ordinance No. 35-2018 be declared an emergency measure and that the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, be suspended with respect to Ordinance No. 35-2018. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved that Ordinance No. 35-2018 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 36-2018

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BASE SALARIES FOR THE VARIOUS PERSONNEL AND DEPARTMENTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, OHIO, DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018 AND THEREAFTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Ordinance No. 36-2018 be declared an emergency measure and that the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, be suspended with respect to Ordinance No. 36-2018. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

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ADOPTION VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved that Ordinance No. 36-2018 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 37-2018

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Ordinance No. 37-2018 be declared an emergency measure and that the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, be suspended with respect to Ordinance No. 37-2018. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved that Ordinance No. 37-2018 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 38-2018

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN A FUND

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Van Sickle seconded that Resolution No. 38-2018 be declared an emergency measure and that the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, be suspended with respect to Resolution No. 38-2018. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved that Resolution No. 38-2018 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property Concerns: Councilman Gallagher questioned the status of the complaint from resident Dee Hinkle concerning the condition of her neighboring property on Spring Street. Chief Taylor reported that the property has shown marked improvement since they were served notice of the violations, and that they are continuing to clean-up the property.

Parking Lot Improvements: Administrator Young reported that he received quotes from Humphrey Excavating to scrape and gravel the 3 lots at Riverside Park and the Pool/Park Complex with either limestone or gravel. He noted the cost for 300 ton of limestone would be \$9,650, and the cost for 300 ton of gravel would be \$6,650. Councilman Gallagher asked if the limestone would last longer, with Councilman Young responding that the gravel is harder and would last longer. Mayor Stricklen questioned if it was necessary to expand the lot at Riverside, with Councilman Young stating that he suggests that the lot be scraped and graveled back to the original size to provide more graveled parking spaces and less grassy, muddy areas in the lot. Councilman Young moved to accept the quote from Humphrey Excavating to scrap the parking lots at Riverside Park and the Pool/Park Complex and to spread 300 ton of gravel at a cost not to exceed \$6,650. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;
Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Complaint regarding smoking at the ballfields: Councilman Young commented on the letter that was addressed to the Village Council members from a visitor to the ballfields on June 2, questioning if the Village has smoking regulations in place. The author, Cynde Comgan of Millersburg, asked Council to consider placing signs that state “*no smoking in stands*” at the ballfields, noting that she had an encounter with a smoker who would not move away from the bleachers when asked. Council discussed the prospect of prohibiting smoking in the parks, with Mayor Stricklen noting this is the first complaint he has heard regarding smoking in the parks, further stating that it would be extremely difficult to govern smoking at the ballfields. Councilwoman Cooper noted that common courtesy should prevail in these situations over and above any regulations in place. Council took no formal action.

EMS Billing: Mayor Stricklen asked Council to consider revising Section 240.15 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village titled “Charges for EMS Services”. Discussion ensued regarding EMS billing, specifically soft billing (accepting only what the insurance company pays) vs hard billing (collecting what isn’t paid by insurance). Mayor Stricklen expressed that it was his opinion that the Village should not hard bill township residents, stating that he felt it was unfair for township residents living in a township that has contracted with the Village for Fire/EMS protection to be personally invoiced for any portion of an ambulance run. Chief Carey stated that he felt the Village should not collect more than what insurance pays because the Village collects \$75 per household from the townships with whom the Village has a contract. Councilman Gallagher stated that Village residents were paying what he estimates to be approximately \$150 per household based on his calculations using property tax records and income tax averages and was not in favor of soft billing township residents until the per household share was more equitable between the Village residents and the township residents. Chief Carey stated that he felt the Village lost the Green Township contract due to their stance on the charges for EMS services. Mayor Stricklen noted that he felt it was a disservice to the Green Township residents who live just outside the Village that the Perrysville-Green Township Fire District doesn’t have a contract with the Village to provide services to those residents. Councilman Young stated that the Village residents own the Village’s fire and EMS equipment and felt the Village residents pay a much greater share for the fire and EMS services provided than the township residents pay. Councilman Young further commented that while the township contracts were increased slightly, he didn’t feel it was enough. Mayor Stricklen responded by stating that Village residents receive faster service than township residents, with Councilman Gallagher retorting that that is not the case when the emergency squad is out in the townships. Councilman Gallagher further stated that he felt the Village is charging less than what it costs to provide the service. Mayor Stricklen stated that the Village receives more revenue from mileage on the township runs. Councilwoman Cooper commented that she would like to ask Solicitor Gilman for his opinion on whether the revenue received from the contracts versus the tax revenue from residents and non-resident income taxpayers is equitable. Councilman Young stated he would like to review numbers again and then have the Safety Committee meet to discuss the EMS billing regulations.

Theatre Grand Reopening Event: Mayor Stricklen reminded Council of the grand reopening event scheduled at the theatre for the upcoming weekend. Councilwoman Cooper expanded on the announcement, noting that Friday night, June 22, the theatre is kicking off their Laughter & Music at the Ohio Theatre program at 7:00 PM. She stated that the Saturday night events will start at 7:00 PM and will include an evening of history of the theatre, recognition of those volunteers and benefactors who have helped to move the theatre into an exciting era, as well as a surprise event that she encouraged everyone to witness. She also announced that one of the benefactors has donated two tickets to the Broadway musical *Hamilton*, at Playhouse Square in Cleveland to be raffled off on Saturday evening.

Legion Motorcycle Show: Mayor Stricklen announced that the Legion’s Thrills in the Hills motorcycle show is Saturday, June 23 and asked Administrator Young to verify with the Maintenance Superintendent that barricades will be available for the Legion to place on Saturday morning.

DONOR RECOGNITION:

LTAC: Mayor Stricklen read a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Mayor and Council to be presented to the Loudonville Theatre and Arts Committee for their donation of two digital signboards for the front of the Theatre entrance at a value of \$11,500.

Hugo & Mabel Young Foundation: Mayor Stricklen announced that the Hugo & Mabel Young Foundation has granted a \$25,000 award to the pool renovation project contingent upon the Village’s contribution of \$10,000 toward the project.

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CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2018-12:

Claims Ordinance 2018-12 was presented for approval. Councilman Van Sickle moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2018-12. Second by Councilwoman Cooper. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Gallagher moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 PM. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mrs. Cooper, yes;
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor